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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Hollywood – Man Who Menaced Synagogue with Machete Arrested**

(U) A man who was taking selfies with a machete and making menacing gestures in front of a North Hollywood Chabad synagogue was arrested last week, according to open source reporting. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Inmate Information Center indicates that David Brenner, 49 was arrested last Friday evening, and released Saturday afternoon on a \$10,000 bond. The case was handled by the LAPD Major Crimes Division.

SOURCE: 16 December 2018, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – CBP Officers Arrest Two US Women for Smuggling Drugs**

(U) Nogales – US Customs and Border Protection officers at Arizona's Port of Nogales arrested two US citizens in separate drug smuggling events last week. Officers at the Dennis DeConcini Crossing referred a 19-year old Phoenix woman for further inspection of her Ford sedan. After a positive alert by a CBP canine, officers removed two cylindrical packages, identified as more than one pound of heroin valued at nearly \$30,000. Later in the day, CBP officers referred a 37-year old Utah woman for further inspection of her Honda van. A CBP narcotics detection canine detected 13 pounds of cocaine worth approximately \$302,000.

SOURCE: 14 December 2018, [KVOA](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Kentucky – Man Gets More Than 7 Years for Machete Attack at College**

(U) Lexington — A Cincinnati man charged in a 2017 machete attack on the campus of Kentucky's Transylvania University has been sentenced to 7.5 years in prison. Mitchell William Adkins, 21, apologized for his actions when he was sentenced in the Fayette County Circuit Court, according to open source reporting. In April 2017, Adkins walked into a coffee shop at the Lexington school armed with a machete and knives. Witnesses said he asked people about their political affiliations; then he attacked. Two victims suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Adkins had a history of complaining about the treatment of conservatives on the college campus.

SOURCE: 16 December 2018, [AP](#)

(U) Louisiana – New Jersey Man Sentenced for Interference with Flight Crew

(U) New Orleans – Joel Bane, 39, of New Jersey, was sentenced last week after pleading guilty in September to one count of interference with flight crew, according to officials. Bane intimidated and threatened flight attendants while on a Southwest Airlines flight from Chicago to New Orleans. The defendant also refused to comply with the captain's directives to take his seat for landing. After the airplane landed, Bane assaulted the police officers who escorted him off of the airplane.

SOURCE: 14 December 2018, [Department of Justice](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Oklahoma – Saudi Arabian Man Pleads Guilty to Terrorism-Related Crime**

(U) Weatherford – A Saudi Arabian man and pleaded guilty last week to lying to authorities about his past al-Qa’ida terrorism training in Afghanistan. Naif Abdulaziz M. Alfallaj, also known as Al-Muthana Al-Najdi, spoke through an interpreter and pleaded guilty in federal court in Oklahoma City to one count of making false statements involving international terrorism, as well as one count of lying to obtain a non-immigrant visa. Alfallaj, 35, faces up to 10 years in prison on the visa-fraud offense. He faces up to eight years in prison for making a false statement involving international terrorism.

SOURCE: 14 December 2018, [New York Times](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Man Arrested For Threats to Pennsylvania College

(U) Easton – Federal authorities have arrested a man in Alaska in connection to online threats made in May to an eastern Pennsylvania college. The campus in Easton rescheduled finals and had room-by-room searches conducted on classrooms in wake of the threats. Lafayette College officials said at the time that the threat was found to be not credible. The college worked with police and the FBI to determine the threat’s legitimacy. The email and social media threats were written by someone claiming to be a student with loyalty to ISIS.

SOURCE: 17 December 2018, [Washington Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Greece – Improvised Explosive Device Detonates at TV Station**

(U) Athens – A device exploded near the SKAI TV building in the Greek capital early on Monday, smashing windows on six floors and causing extensive damage to the interior but no injuries. SKAI is one of Greece’s biggest TV stations and part of a media group which includes a radio station and is affiliated with Greece’s major daily newspaper, Kathimerini. Police said a makeshift explosive device went off near the SKAI building at 2:35 a.m. following warning calls to two media outlets.

SOURCE: 16 December 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – ISIS Attacks Nigeria Military Base in Gudumbali

(U) Gudumbali – ISIS claimed fighters from it’s West African Province affiliate attacked a military barracks in Gudumbali, killing five soldiers and injuring others. ISIS claimed two “tanks” and two other vehicles were destroyed, while militants captured three four-wheel-drive vehicles, weapons and ammunition. The military repelled an infiltration attempt by suspected Boko Haram terrorists that came disguised as civilian “internally displaced persons”, according to officials.

SOURCE: 15 December 2018, [The Defense Post](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Man in Custody on Terrorism Charge

(U) Newcastle – A man appearing in court has been accused of buying a knife and chemicals in preparation for a terrorist attack in the UK. Fatah Mohammed Abdullah, from Arthur’s Hill, was accompanied by three police officers in the dock at Westminster magistrates court in London on Saturday. The 33-year-old Iranian is alleged to have bought a knife and “explosive precursors” including chemicals, more than 8,000 matches, and a number of fuses. He is also alleged to have searched online for components, including a pressure cooker, to make an explosive.

SOURCE: 15 December 2018, [Guardian](#)

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